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D Williams

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Dear D Williams,

Request for Information – reference ATISN 8876

I wrote to you on 13 October following your request for information. In your request you asked for sight of:

- records of discussions between Ministers and others (meaning officials of the Welsh Government); and
- documents containing advice from the Welsh Language Commissioner, Cymdeithas yr Iaith and any other external parties;

concerning the inclusion (or exclusion) of a clause in the draft Planning (Wales) Bill mandating the consideration of the effect/impact on the Welsh language on every planning application.

I am enclosing the information which you requested which is as follows:

- Doc 001** Email from Colin Nosworthy, Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg, to Carl Sargeant, then Minister for Housing and Regeneration, and copied to the First Minister and three Welsh Government officials
- Doc 002** Welsh Government response acknowledging receipt of Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg's Property and Planning Bill
- Doc 003** Part 2 (9) of Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg's Property and Planning Bill

Please note that the Welsh Government did not prepare specific responses to representations made on the draft Planning (Wales) Bill. Our response to the consultation is the Planning (Wales) Bill which was introduced to the National Assembly for Wales on 6

October. That Bill can be found on the National Assembly's website here:
<http://www.senedd.assembly.wales/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?lId=11271>

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Assembly Government's Disclosure Log.

If you believe that I have not followed the relevant laws, or you are unhappy with this response, you may request an internal review by writing to:

Gareth Jones
Director General
Department for Natural Resources
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

When dealing with any concerns, we will follow the principles set out in the Welsh Government's Code of Practice on Access to Information which is available on the Internet at www.wales.gov.uk or by post.

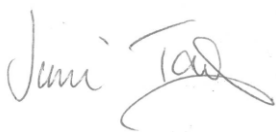
You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. Normally, however, you should pursue the matter through our internal procedure before you complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 745
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request then you may make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
Ffordd yr Hen Gae
Pencoed
Bridgend
CF35 5LJ

Yours sincerely,



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